

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

The Abstract has been amended as follows. A revised Abstract, including the changes reflected below, is attached.

A support for apparatus in general and, in particular, for optical or photographic apparatus and the like, ~~is described and~~ The support comprises a pillar (12) arranged to receive the apparatus at a first end and to be housed with its stem (11) in a seat (4) extending through a spider (3) of a tripod (4). The support also comprises, at the first end, an orientable platform (13) for the levelling of the apparatus independently of the positioning of the tripod (1), and the pillar (12) is structurally independent of the spider (3) and can be inserted removably in the seat (4).

Attachment